



Words Of Wisdom

The reason some people require so much of others is that they require so little of themselves.
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Crooked rivers get that way by following the line of least resistance. So do some men.

CITIZENS WARN CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Wilmington Ten Attorney Reprimanded By Judge

Is There An Effort To Disbar Activist Lawyers?

Wilmington Ten attorney Irving Joyner was reprimanded last week by Superior Court Judge Maurice Braswell in Raleigh.

The action grew out of the attempts (beginning last January) of Ms. Josephine Preddy and Gilbert Todd to legitimize their infant daughter, Adrian Denise Preddy. They had retained Joyner to change the child's last name to the father's, and to develop child support and custody agreements. On each point the mother and father agreed. Joyner said he told them that they could possibly have a conflict of interest during the case, but that all matters of possible conflict had been worked out.

on whether to appeal Braswell's ruling.

The hearing took place in a packed courtroom, filled with mostly blacks, supporters of Joyner, some his clients, reporters, activists, and community leaders. Some felt that the charge against Joyner was racially motivated.

Leonard Dunston, president of the North Carolina Conference of Black Social Workers, described the trial as "subtle intimidation designed to keep people like Irving Joyner from speaking out." Joyner speaks out for many causes. In Durham recent

ly, Joyner spoke out against the war drive in the Middle East and the draft. Several people who attended the trial said racial considerations were involved.

Joyner's reprimand has raised other concerns in activist circles. Is there a conscious effort to disbar and attack activist lawyers? Jerry Paul, who represented Joanne Little, had his license suspended last month by the North Carolina Bar Review Committee on a charge that had been thrown out by the superior court. Joyner's reprimand brings to two the activist, poor

people's lawyers who have faced disciplinary action in a month.

In the brief filed by Cheshire, Dan Blue, and Cressie Thigpen, the lawyers noted that while many other attorneys had done exactly what Joyner was charged with, none of them had ever been disciplined. Joyner is black. Like 99 per cent of the Superior Court Judges in North Carolina, Braswell is white. Several lawyers expressed the belief that Braswell hearing the case on charges Braswell brought against Joyner was a conflict. Braswell didn't agree.

Racism And Injustice Cited In Williams' Dismissal

The minor reason for the dismissal of Mrs. Williams as a special registration commissioner, may have been unauthorized voter registration but, according to Durham Attorney Shirley d. Dean, the major reasons — racism and injustice — are much more important.

Attorney Dean, who spoke on behalf of Mrs. Williams before the State Board of Elections this week in Raleigh, said "Mrs. Williams was not given a fair trial, and was not dismissed in a just manner. She was not even aware of her dismissal until she had read a news report, and if that was not enough, a sheriff was sent to her home at midnight to collect registration slips as though she were a criminal."

Attorney Dean also contends that Mrs. Williams' interest in making the system better and wanting to make changes, may have aroused the prejudices of the State Board of Elections.

"The State Board of Elections accuses Mrs. Williams of violating a rule initiated in October, 1979, concerning special registration commissioners registering persons out of their district, but Mrs. Williams contends that she was not aware of this rule, and many other special registration commissioners admitted that they had no knowledge of the rule," said Attorney Dean.

The State Board of Elections arranged a meeting to vote on whether Mrs. Williams was guilty or not guilty, but according to Attorney

Dean, "William Marsh who is a black member of the board, withdrew from the voting and only harmed Mrs. Williams." She said, "he could have really helped her, and I don't think that we have evolved enough to stand by a let each other suffer."

Attorney Dean said that Marsh was aware of Mrs. Williams' dismissal at a meeting between the three of them, before it was published in a news report, and he did not confront Mrs. Williams at all, and she was not aware of any dissatisfaction in her work.

After several attempts to reach Attorney Marsh for comment, this reporter was finally informed by his office that he would be out-of-town until June 30.

Attorney Dean said "many blacks in high



MIAMI — Nearly 1,000 blacks booted President Carter when he visited a community center in the "Liberty City" area June 9. The President came to discuss the three days of bloody mid-May rioting in Miami with community leaders. As the Presidential limousine left the area, angry blacks threw bottles and cans at the car. UPI Photo

Hunter's 50 Million Budget Draws Protest

Late last month, when City Manager Dean Hunter, Jr., presented his \$50 million budget to the City Council, there was little hint that it would spark the kind of protest that is now stirring some citizens of Durham.

The items responsible for this protest are changes in the preliminary budget suggested by the Finance Committee to eliminate the position of the Director of the Human Relations Commission and to combine that office with the Affirmative Action Office. Both organizations would then fall under the aegis of the city manager.

Citizens, both black and white, vigorously oppose what they see as a move to dismiss Joseph Becton, director of the commission, and to dilute the powers of Walter Jackson, director of Affirmative Action. There is an even greater concern that such a move is indicative of the council's intent to destroy any and all power that is now held by poor people, black people and

women.

At Monday night's City Council meeting, Steve Shurel, a representative of the Durham People's Alliance, speaking in favor of maintaining the present structure of the Human Relations Commission, said, "You don't have to be black to be appalled at the attempt to send the East-West Expressway through the Crest Street neighborhood. . . .to recognize the self-avowed white slate for political offices. . . .to recognize that this council ignores decent housing in West End and a decent bus system; you don't have to be black to see business represented in this council."

During what was to have been a fifteen minute recess by the council, one white woman, who said that she had come from a state office in Raleigh to observe the meeting, expressed her outrage over the proposal to a small group outside the chamber: "How could they even think of doing such a thing? Could one

really expect an office to monitor itself?"

Despite Councilman Haywood Smith's plea to citizens Monday night not to consider the proposal as a racial issue, proposals to give \$40,000 to the American Dance Festival, \$15,000 to the Durham Chamber of Commerce, \$75,000 to the N.C. Museum of Life and Science, along with a proposal to eliminate the director of the Human Relations Commission, did little to support Smith's plea. Moreover, the Crest Street Freeway issue, the attempt by the council to free the utility companies to increase their rates without protest from the council, and the attack on the Durham Housing Authority, created even greater doubts among citizens.

The expressed beliefs of many citizens are that there is a chance for both blacks and whites of Durham to move forward together and that retrogressive steps, at this time, are dangerous.

Speakers Against Change

By Trelle L. Jeffers

In a packed, heat-swelled room, Monday night, June 16, citizens of all ages and all races, representing a variety of organizations in Durham, sat through the three and one-half hour meeting of the City Council to express verbal or silent protest against a proposal by the Finance Committee to eliminate the position of Director of the Human Relations Commission and to combine the organization with that of the office of Affirmative Action.

Among the twenty speakers who signed up to protest the proposal were representatives of the Durham Branch of the NAACP, the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, the Coordinating Council of Senior Citizens, Mount Calvary United Church of Christ, The Council of Negro Women, The Durham People's Alliance, Russell Memorial CME Church, a member of the Durham County Commission, and other individuals who spoke as concerned citizens.

Sam Reed, who said that he spoke as a member of the City Council Advisory Committee, quoted Frederick Douglass, and vowed to resign his position on the Advisory Council if such a proposal was adopted.

"Nothing is more important than good human relations; poor relations poison the atmosphere," Reed said. "You told citizens that you were for positive government and that you wanted to move Durham forward. Is this the way to move forward?"

Mrs. Carolyn I. Thornton, representing the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, said, "We still have the same problems of the '60's. To eliminate this office (Director of the Human Relations Commission) would be a dangerous and dastardly act."

Mrs. Thornton said that \$198,000 [given] to non-city agencies could be used to finance the office. "This city desperately needs to see that you and the City Council have a commitment to the citizens of Durham," she said, addressing Mayor Harry Rodenhizer.

Dr. E. Lavonia Allison, representing the Council of Negro Women, and who obviously opposed the proposal, said, "you are not as concerned about human issues as you are about backroom politics, bricks and mortar, expressways and roads and downtown revitalization; a climate of oppressive and exclusive government will invite non-acceptable ways to resolve grievances."

Harris Johnson, a concerned citizen, said, "Both Walter Jackson and Joe Becton are guilty of doing a good job and being black and not being a part of the white majority on this council. . . . If this action is taken, it may be the same kind of summer that we have had in other cities: long and hot."

Dr. C.E. Boulware, who spent twelve years on the Council, reminded us [Continued on Page 2]

Durham College Trustees Approve Bachelor's Degree Program

The Trustee Board of Durham College approved the awarding of the bachelor's degree for Durham College during its recent meeting. The action was an additional step taken in the re-opening process of the college and the revitalization of the college's curriculum.

Board chairman, Dr. Guy Rankin, indicated that the trustees mandated this move, and that this action was the results of the academic activities of the college over the past five years to move in the direction of a senior college of business. Dr. Rankin further said that the Board felt that the time to implement this phase of the college's development was now.

The bachelor's degree program, as approved by the Trustee Board, will apply immediately to the Secretarial Science and the Business Administration programs.

The method of offering this program, however, will be unique to the academic community of this region, according to President J.W. Hill. The bachelor's program will be

offered on a two plus two basis; applicants must first have received an associate degree, or its equivalent, in business. Consequently, students will not initially enroll in the bachelor's program but would be required to enroll in and complete an associate degree program before seeking admission to the bachelor's program. Hill further explained that additional academic requirements will necessitate that a student who is accepted into the bachelor's program would be re-

quired to have a minimum "B" average or a minimum of two years' work experience plus the associate degree.

Although the bachelor's degree program will be available, Hill emphasized that the college would continue to carry on its primary mission of providing one and two year career-oriented academic programs.

Durham College will continue to offer its current AAS degree programs, Hill said. As a support to Dr. Hill's state-

ment, the Trustee Board also approved two additional AAS degree programs — Security Technology and Food Service Technology. These programs will become available this fall.

A September 8 date has been scheduled for the beginning of the fall semester. Hill announced the addition of five Ph.D.'s as professors and adjunct professors who will be employed to implement the new academic programs.

Coalition Of Concerned Citizens Presents City Recommendations

By Tanya LeGette

After a prayer rendered by Charles Wesley, the Coalition of Concerned Citizens marched peacefully from Duke Power Company to the City Council Chambers, Thursday morning.

The group was formed to provide a forum and to develop strategies to address common concerns of

the community. The group is in director connection with several committees that have been formed by Terry Sanford, president of Duke University, to improve the downtown area and Durham City as a whole.

In the City Council Chambers, Sanford addressed the city government, and each chairman

of one of the eight committees presented the recommendations for City Council.

John Michel, chairman of the sub-committee (other community concerns) said that the basic recommendation of the groups collectively is "for the city to move ahead with the development of

OIC, Government To Place 100,000 In Jobs

MIAMI BEACH — An historical agreement between the federal government and a community-based organization was obscured by negative publicity surrounding President Carter's visit to the Miami area recently, according to Rev. Leon H. Sullivan, founder-chairman of OICs of American before whose convocation the President spoke.

"The President reported to our convocation on his agreement with OIC to mount a common effort to place 100,000 more young people in jobs in the coming year — 10,000 in federal agencies and 90,000, with federal help, in the private sector," Rev. Sullivan said.

"The President made a significant but largely overlooked statement when he said that this is the biggest single job placement effort ever

undertaken in the history of the nation by a community organization," he said.

The black Baptist minister from Philadelphia also asked convocation delegates meeting here to press their Congressional Representatives for approval of the President's 1980 Youth Initiative Bill.

"When I returned from a 60,000-mile journey last year visiting major cities in the nation and assisting and establishing OIC job-training centers, I realized the hundreds of thousands of youth I saw on our street corners represented a powder keg of social dynamite," he said.

"I began to secure a million signatures to petition the President and the Congress to initiate legislation to deal with this youth crisis before it became a national disaster. I met with the

President and asked him to join OIC in a massive effort to combine the resources of the public and private sectors to secure large numbers of permanent youth jobs as quickly as possible.

"It is my hope that such an effort will lay the groundwork for a broad effort to reach thousands and eventually millions so that the time will come when every young person in America who wants to work will be able to secure some form of training and job placement."

The minister pointed out that OIC began in a dollar-a-year leased jail house and in sixteen years has trained and placed in jobs more than 500,000 Americans in full-time work. These individuals, he said, are earning more than \$4 billion and paying more than \$500 million a year in taxes.